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Pursuant to 37 CFR sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicant respectfully requests that the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449, be made of record and considered in connection with the examination of this application. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

German Patent Publication DE-42 20 015-A1 discloses a gas friction vacuum pump having a high-vacuum region and a low vacuum region and cooling means 35(Fig. 1) and 41 (Fig. 2) located in the high-vacuum region.

German Patent Publication DE-42 37 972 C2 discloses a vacuum pump having cooling means (41) located in the high vacuum region.

German Patent Publication DE-197 24 32 3 A1 discloses a flange connection (1) including a ring (6) arranged between two flanges (2, 3) for thermally decoupling the same.

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